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The calendar doesn't show it, but summer is here in the Highlands. This image shows Highlands' resident Blake Paton carving turns on Kashagawigamog Lake in the Highlands last week. /Photo by Zoe Preston

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Most people in cottage country refer to the Victoria Day long-weekend as the "May Two-For," which includes battling bands, multi-generational interactions, friends at the dock and memories that last a lifetime. /Submitted by Janet Trull

May two-four

JANET TRULL

Special to County Life

In 1845, during the reign of Queen Victoria, May 24, the queen's birthday, was declared a holiday in Canada. It was recognized throughout the Commonwealth with parades and 21 gun salutes. Victoria was a superstar. She reigned for 64 years and during that time subjugated more people than Genghis Khan. Don't fact-check that. I just made that up, but it's probably true.

Have you seen the woman? Does she look like a party girl to you? Oh, she may have been a beauty in her youth, but she grew up into a stern, big-bosomed colonizer who ruled Britain like a tiger mom. Not a beer drinker, methinks, although she does have a pretty sizable gut.

The fact that this long weekend is still officially called Victoria Day is just laziness. It reminds us that once something gets declared in Parliament, it's hard to change it, even after it stops making sense. Because, unofficially throughout the land, the name of this holiday is May 2-4, and it represents everything great about "Canadian Cottage Season."

The images that come to mind are heroes diving off rickety docks. Mouse nests in the cottage cutlery drawer. Leaky water lines. A trip to town for duct tape and a foot valve.

Nana knows the water is not going to be coming out of the tap anytime soon. The toilet is not going to flush this weekend. She sweeps the outhouse, even though no one under 50 is going to do their business in there. They've seen the spiders that live under the toilet seat. Huge!

The lake comes to life with the battle of the bands blasting from bunkies and boathouses. A little country. A little folk. Rock and roll. The loons seem to like hip hop.

Dogs bark. Toddlers enjoy the way their temper tantrums echo around the bay. Happy hour starts early.

Dusty canoes are dragged down to the waterfront. Out come tin boats, pontoon boats, ski boats, and giant float toys. They all hit the water and the summer season is launched.

The kids are getting sunburnt, bug bit and somebody needs the first aid kit. Hands are marshmallow-sticky. Hoodies smell like campfire smoke.

Dad wants to start up the grill. Uncle Jim's special hamburger recipe, the "Jimburger," is on the menu. The grill is in the shed. The shed is locked with a padlock. The padlock key is not hanging on the special nail in the vee of the birch tree. Get the bolt cutters! Oops. They are in the shed. Grandpa's May 2-4 lexicon is rich and expressive. Grandma asks once again what is in the shed that anyone would want to steal. One of the grandkids saves the day with a hatchet. The burgers taste great.

After lighting off a few ladyfingers, sparklers and a burning schoolhouse, the kids crawl, exhausted, into musty bunk beds and read about Betty and Veronica's ongoing battle for supremacy at Riverdale High. They fall asleep to the sound of mice skittering behind the walls.

At least I hope that's what May 2-4 looks like. Maybe I'm thinking of May 2-4, 1985. Sometimes that happens.

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Part 2: What can we do for our pollinators?

SHEILA CURRIE
Haliburton County Master Gardener

Part one of this article described how our pollinators and native plants evolved together to form mutually beneficial relationships. Some native plants are "keystone" species, supporting dozens of species of specialist bees, butterflies or moths. In contrast, non-native flowers may offer lower-quality nectar and pollen, and their leaves are toxic to the caterpillars that metamorphose into some of our favourite butterflies. Further, without a healthy population of caterpillars, songbirds cannot find enough of the primary food source they feed to their young.

Around the world, insect populations are in decline. Fortunately there are things we can all do to help the pollinators in our area:

• Plant more native shrubs and flowers, aiming for at least 70 per cent native plant biomass on your property. Keeping your favourite non-natives is not a problem. Hanging baskets and bedding plants from garden centres are typically non-native annuals enjoyed for their colourful flowers all season long, and many offer nectar for pollinators including hummingbirds. There's no reason not to have these – but make sure you have lots of natives in your perennial beds and shrubs.

• If you have a lawn, convert part of it to low-maintenance native garden or shrubs. Turfgrass is a sterile environment for pollinators, producing neither pollen nor nectar. It does not provide shelter or moisture-retaining leaves. Lawn care includes watering, fertilization, weeding, and frequent cutting. By shrinking our lawns we not only help our pollinators and environment, but we give ourselves some time back to do other things!

• If you do keep a lawn area, consider clover as a low-maintenance alternative with ecosystem benefits. Although not native to our area, it adds a source of food for pollinators and its leafy structure helps reduce rainwater runoff and erosion. It grabs nitrogen from the air to make its own organic fertilizer, and requires less cutting than turfgrass.

• Don't use pesticides. Even organic products can kill pollinators and other beneficial insects along with the problem pests.

• Include plants that flower at various times throughout the growing season to coincide with the life cycles of all pollinators. Early-season bloomers provide nectar for the bee and butterfly species coming out of winter dormancy as adults. Mid-season flowers support pollinators in egg, larval and adult forms. And many species rely on late-blooming plants up until Thanksgiving.

• Plant flowers that have various shapes and colour, thereby increasing the food offerings in your pollinator "buffet." Pollinators have different

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Native bumblebee on native sunflower. /Submitted by Sheila Currie

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shapes and sizes of mouth parts, and varying nectar and pollen needs.

• "Leave the leaves." Instead of raking, let them break down, providing nutrients and contributing to making new soil. Leaves also provide winter homes for some species of butterflies and bees.

• Leave your perennials standing through the winter. If you can resist the urge to "clean up" your garden in the autumn you will be rewarded with the sight of many more birds feeding on seedheads all winter long. Even in spring, don't be in a hurry to cut down the stems, because they provide winter homes for the larvae of certain species of native bees. When we leave plants and leaves over the winter, we improve habitat for our pollinators.

• Plant shrubs or perennials under your trees. The larvae of many of the caterpillars that are an essential part of our food web hatch in trees then drop to the ground to pupate. By providing 'soft landings' for these caterpillars we increase their chances of survival.

• No patch of plants is too small to make a difference. The pots on your balcony or front steps can be full of nectar-producing flowers, helping to fill in the corridors between larger patches of native plants.

Haliburton County Master Gardeners is a volunteer organization that provides horticultural advice specific to Haliburton and surrounding regions.

Have your gardening questions answered or schedule an onsite consultation at www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca.

Did you know?

Spongy moths – formerly known as Gypsy moths – were brought to North America in 1869 in an attempt to breed a hardy silkworm. The experiment was unsuccessful, some moths escaped and without any predators have become the invasive caterpillars causing such extensive damage to our trees today. Because European birds evolved alongside these hairy caterpillars, they eat them and keep the numbers in check in their native environment. Our local birds have yet to acquire the ability or perhaps the appetite for these nasty caterpillars!

Native violet is an early sign of spring and a host plant for Frittilary butterflies. /Submitted by Sheila Currie

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Kindness and community

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

In a world where you can be anything, be kind. It's an oft-repeated expression, which has appeared on everything from mugs and T-shirts to Pinterest boards, but as we head into this busy summer, I feel it's important that we all look for some extra ways we can show kindness to one another.

It's been commented that historically Haliburton County's communities were small enough that it was best to always be kind to your neighbours because you never knew when you would need to rely on each other. While I think we would all agree that neighbourly goodwill never goes amiss, widespread community spirit has long been a part of life in this area. For tasks such as constructing homes, planting crops and working in the lumbercamps, many hands made light work, and neighbours looked out for each other. However, there are many stories in the records of the Haliburton Highlands Museum and in classic local history books, such as *In Quest of Yesterday* and *Fragments of a Dream*, of those who went above and beyond when showing kindness.

When Englishman Henry Pamplin arrived in Dysart in 1867, he and his bachelor brother, William, had plans to farm, but within two years, Henry and William, both in their sixties, seemed to have found themselves discouraged and overwhelmed by the prospect of starting a farm from scratch. Henry sold off the 100 acres they had planned to cultivate, but what was to become of the two men? A neighbour, by the name of William Davies, came to their aid and invited the brothers to live with him, eventually building a small separate home for them on his property.

At a time when doctors were scarce, women around our community gave generously of their time to nurse the sick. We know that Eliza Lucas was a practical nurse who helped those who were ill, even as she raised 12 children of her own and ran a hotel in the centre of the village. Catherine Shaw, meanwhile, was a gifted midwife, who helped countless women through their deliveries in the late-19th Century, providing comfort and support for new mothers who might have been far from their own families.

One tale of kindness I find especially touching pertains to Margaret Burke. She was very active in St. George's Anglican Church in the 1870s and 1880s, and each year at the holidays would quietly ensure that there were gifts for the children of local families facing financial challenges. She would even seek out information about exactly what each child hoped to receive, so that she could personalize the gifts. Margaret's friend, Maria Lane, meanwhile, would regularly invite Margaret and her children to her home near the church for a chance to recharge before they made their way home after a service on a Sunday, as the Burke family lived some distance from town.

There are always opportunities around us to be kind and brighten someone else's day, so I encourage you to look out for them. Though the historian in me might see value in documenting those acts of kindness for the future, I also strongly believe that some of the best acts of kindness are those that are done quietly and anonymously - for the sheer joy of being kind. So spread some kindness around this coming summer, and while you're at it, make sure to show some of that kindness to yourself too!

Top 10 reasons the black flies leave you alone

HAVE YOU EVER wondered why black flies bother other people more than you? Well, it's not just because they are giving you a break. Sometimes there are very simple reasons why they choose other people to dine on. Here are the top 10.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. They like your friend's sunscreen better.
2. That garlic you ate last night.
3. They prefer another blood type O for special occasions.
4. The person next to you has better ambiance.
5. In the mood for ethnic food.
6. You just don't look that heathy today.
7. They've gone vegan.
8. Frankly, you need a shower.
9. They already filled up on the guy ahead of you.
10. Your low blood pressure makes them work too hard.

Sanctuary

Forest floor littered with last year's leaves,
as I enter this sanctuary of trees,
the pillars of pines welcoming me,
their shaggy heads swaying in the breeze,
the motion lulling me, as I stand amongst them,
familiar as old friends I haven't seen in a year,
the comfort and solace of their company,
these tall tall trees that tower over the others,
rising from the forest floor,
the quiet punctured by the creaking of trees' spines,
as I stray from the trail to zig-zag around stumps and fallen limbs,
saplings sprouting alongside relics so old pieces of bark crumble in my hands,
as I stand in a puddle of Sun, listening to a woodpecker drill into the trunk of a tree,
resting my Breath before my feet me lead up a hill,
stumbling over roots and clambering over logs,
this obstacle course invigorating me,
as I pause at a boulder to slap its moss-cloaked shoulder,
wondering how long it's squatted here beneath a bare Sky,
before the forest sprung up around it.
Higher I climb, the slopes of pines serenading me with their swaying,
breeze brushing my cheeks, as my eyes forage across the forest floor,
searching for ramps that erupt from the ground this time each year.
Patches of green, these slender leaves, that taste of earth and Sun and spring.
I reach the clearing at the top of at the top of the hill,
Sun blaring down from a cloud-speckled Sky,
Wind blowing through me, sloughing off debris,
clearing space inside me for whatever newness sprouts and blooms.
I gawk up at the poles of pines, quietly apologize for trespassing across their terrain,
these old friends that welcome me back each spring,
that I can share my private thoughts with,
as they listen without complaint and sometimes,
I listen too,
their shaggy heads swaying in slow motion,
and answering questions I didn't even know I had,
'till I crossed the threshold into this sanctuary of trees,
cloistering me in a silence sacred as Breath.

Sylvie Kalenda

Opportunity for youth

Guitar player Randy Brethour plays with the B&B Blues Band during the concert to announce the Road to Kitchener Bluesfest Youth Camp Contest at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion on Thursday, Apr. 28 in Haliburton. Organized by the Highlands Buckslide Blues Society, the contest is open to 12 to 18 year-olds in the Haliburton Highlands. Contestants need to upload a a performance YouTube video, no more than five minutes, and send it to highlandsbbs@gmail.com. For more details, contact Rusty Rustenburg 705-464-1719. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Reading together: Book clubs connect friends over good reads

SUE TIFFIN
County Life Staff

Throughout the county, dozens of thriving book clubs – some of them public and open to members, some private and made up of longtime friends – bring people together for stimulating conversation and shared time together over a love of reading. Here, a few members of those clubs speak to what makes the groups so special:

The Next Chapter

Andrea Roberts, who in her role as mayor of Dysart et al sits on the Haliburton County Public Library board, said she loves the library's book club sets, which offer eight of the same title alongside a folder with book club questions and background information. The book sets are largely funded by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library and many offer print, audio book, large print or e-versions of the same title.

The Next Chapter has been meeting since 2010, said Roberts.

"What it's done is solidify a friendship even better with those book club friends, because it puts you on a schedule and sets a time to meet," she said.

They've even met virtually, with some members joining in while on vacation in Florida.

At the first book club, Roberts showed up with a blank journal, deciding to write the date, the participants in that meeting, and some points of discussion.

"It's become a bit of a running joke now. I'm the secretary and have to bring the book," she laughed. "It kind of keeps us on track to know who is next, because we do start to lose it a bit."

Now that book reminds Roberts of details like the time in 2012, when the question around the table was, "how did this win the Giller prize?" Once, the book to be read was called *Before I Go to Slee*p, but one member mistakenly read *Before I Wake*. Later, the group started doing a rating out of five – before the group discussion, and after, in case the rating changes.

They meet six times a year, at around 7 p.m. at night, every other month.

"We talk, talk, talk, how are the kids, how was your trip, have a glass of wine – and then an hour later, we should talk about book club!" laughed Roberts. "It's always really interesting because often your opinion doesn't change, and lots of times it does. Maybe I didn't see that angle or that side."

Roberts said the group usually reads fiction. One member reads the end first if it's a mystery because she can't stand the suspense.

"When we're reading anything in our lives, it depends on where you're at in your own life – you could be just tired, or you're on holiday and you read it in three days, or that book appealed to you at a certain time. I find that part so interesting, it just depends on where you're at or how stressful life is in other ways, when you're reading a book."

Roberts said the time together offers a relaxing time for all the friends.

"We don't take ourselves seriously at all, this is not English Lit 101, there's no grading," she said. "We tried to get easy on the appetizers, just don't fuss, because that's not what it's all about."

Roberts said she's appreciative of the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library for being instrumental in financing the books, to create the book sets, and thinks they offer something for newcomers to the area too, in order to make connections with others.

"It's pure enjoyment, a love of reading, a love of storytelling, how a book can hit you at a certain point in life and be incredibly powerful," she said of the club's impact. "We don't all think the same even though we're friends. I'm sure we'll continue as long as we're all around."

Books on Film

Tammy Rea is in three book clubs. One, the Coasters, is made up of local friends who had come to the area from coast to coast. Also named because, "that's what you put your wine glass on, and because it is meant to be a time period where you can just relax a little bit."

She's been in that group for 17 years, with about 12 members, each who hosts once a year and serves a lunch to go with the book.

"So you make lunch once for 12 people, and then you go to 11 lunches," she said.

Books on Film is a public group that came from a connection between Those Other Movies, the Rails End Gallery and the Haliburton County Public Library.

The group knows the book a few months in advance, and has the option to read the story as well as watch the movie.

"Then we talk about everything," said Rea. "First we do a mini-book analysis, then we bring in the film. How did they do something? And we really learned that a 100-page story can be a two-and-a-half hour movie. So what do you have to cut out of a 500-page story to tell a movie? Which is always why the book is better."

Rea said it's fascinating to see different interpretations of a story on film over the years, such as with *The Great Gatsby*.

"We'll compare different themes, talk about how they use colour, music, to help tell something," she said. "It's so good."

Some people don't read the book or watch the movie, they just come for the discussion.

"We always do the discussion of which one did you do first and does that make a difference, and which one would you recommend to people?," said Rea.

To date, the group of anywhere from 12 to 24 people has read 27 books – including *The Princess Bride, Atonement, Persepolis* – over four years, and has been conducting virtual meetings over the past two years.

"The first dozen we did were books I had never read but always knew I should have, including *The Handmaid's Tale*," said Rea. "And I'm so thankful, I've learned so much, because if you're taking something that's now been turned into film, it's good."

The Books on Film group is planning on meeting in-person again. Contact the Rails End Gallery to learn more.

The W(h)ine and Fight Book Club

The book club at the Haliburton County Public Library's Gooderham branch was started by librarian Marilyn Billings.

"I didn't join in until about 2012 or so, and I guess it was because I figured it would be a nice evening out when the weather wasn't bad. I liked reading and liked supporting the library in Gooderham," said Sally Salmon. "There were sometimes four or five bookies – nothing to do with gambling – in for the once-a-month Tuesday night meeting, not including Lunker the library service dog, my Great Dane who always came

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along for the ride to town."

Many book clubs end up having a creative name that is well-suited to the theme of the club, or the personality of the club members. In Gooderham, the group that meets refers to themselves as the W(h)ine and Fight Book Club.

"The name W(h)ine and Fight Book Club came about when one of the charter members would call and say she wasn't coming because she'd forgotten it was Tuesday and had a glass of wine with supper," said Salmon. "The fight part because of Fight Club – nobody talks about Fight Club – even though we would rarely fight about anything and actually did talk about book club. Sometimes there was a bit of whining."

Prior to the pandemic, the group was made up of anywhere between three to six members, with anyone welcome to join on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.

"We'd either have a free read or get a Book Club in a Bag from the main library," said Salmon. "With a free read month, one could read whatever and then give a synopsis and a thumbs up or thumbs down. With the Book Club in a Bag, same rules applied, although no synopsis needed as we all read it – or most of it – and then the thumbs up and why or thumbs down and why. We are the anti-matter of book clubs – we don't pick a book apart, we don't try to analyze the author's 'hidden meaning,' or even read the discussion questions at the end of the book."

And then, laughing: "Maybe once or twice we did, but decided it was 'not who we are.'"

"Current membership is three of us who were in the pre-pandemic crew, not including Summer the library service dog, my collie cross who always comes along for the ride to town," said Salmon. "Another member is my across the road neighbour who reads whatever we are reading and gives me his comments to take in to the group. If the weather is bad, we cancel, if the weather is too hot, we sometimes cancel, if Kevin Costner or Paul Rudd wants to have lunch at my house, I'll cancel. We just reschedule for a better day."

When the group uses the book club bags, they choose an option from the list available.

"Our first one just recently was *A Gentleman in Moscow*, and it was a long and protracted read thanks to the lockdowns again after the first of the year," said Salmon. "Three votes of Yea, and one vote of Nay."

Salmon said a memorable moment was being able to Skype with author, Cathy Buchanan after the group read her book, *The Painted Girls*.

"It was doubly interesting to me as Ms. Buchanan had written most of her book at her cottage on one of the lakes that was served by the marina I worked at. We were able to ask her about her research – she went to France to do that – and her writing process. It was fun to hear what she had to say."

While a small group, the Gooderham book club has been essential to those who are in it.

"W & F is about the books, but it's also about just getting together for an hour to shoot the breeze or catch up on what's been going on in the last month and, maybe, rant a bit about something – like toothpaste tubes that never let you get all the paste out," said Salmon. "Thanks to W & F I've read books by numerous authors about numerous subjects and time periods and, for the most part, they've all been nothing to whine or fight about – they've all been pretty darn good. The Gooderham branch is a lifeline for permanent and seasonal residents and we're glad it's there."

The group will be meeting on May 25 for a 'free read,' and anyone is welcome to come that day with whatever books they've read – the more the merrier. A book club set will be used during the last Wednesday of this upcoming June at 11 a.m. Call the branch at 705-447-3163 for more information.

A book club for residents at The Gardens of Haliburton brings avid readers together in conversation, often using book club kits from the Haliburton County Public Library. /Photo submitted by Alisha Lafleur

The Gardens of Haliburton

Alisha Lafleur, assistant general manager and activities director at the Gardens of Haliburton said when the residence first opened, staff was purchasing books for the residents, but once pandemic restrictions lifted, they wanted to be able to engage in the community and work with the resources available. Andrea Brown, public services librarian with the HCPL gave the group a

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Library's book club sets get readers on the same page

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Gardens library card, information about the book club kits on offer and answered questions the group had about how to get started.

"The detailed book list makes it easier for the residents to look through that and make choices," said Lafleur.

Once a month, the group of about eight people gets together to share their favourite parts of the book.

"The library kits come with a list of questions, that we as activity staff can use to engage and start a conversation about the book," said Lafleur. "Which is really beneficial for us because sometimes if we don't have time to read the book ourselves, we can still ask questions that pertain to what they've read."

Lafleur said she appreciates the access of the book list online to see what's available or not, and the option to put book club kits on hold.

"We've also been able to provide large print books or audio books for residents who are visually impaired, so that's been beneficial as well," she said.

While a staff member is on hand to help moderate, Lafleur said the group largely organizes themselves.

"We really quickly recognized that our demographic of residents really enjoyed reading and it would be a program they would enjoy and it would be well-received," she said. "When we organize programs, it's always based on the needs and interests of the residents. We started with some donated books and residents continue to add to that collection. They're always coming down and borrowing a book, bringing a book back, and one of the residents said, hey, we should have a book club!"

In the future, Lafleur hopes local authors will visit with their books to do readings for residents in the club.

"For them, it's something to keep them busy and entertained," she said. "This generation is not overly interested in watching TV, so reading is one of their favourite past times. I think they mostly talk about the books themselves but definitely situations come up where they can relate to something that's happened to them similarly, in the past, or maybe it's even a book they've read in the past and so it keeps the conversation going and provides them with a really engaging social experience."

Minden Hills Book Club

Nicole Dolliver, HCPL staff, facilitates the Minden Hills Book Club, which was formerly led by Nancy Therrien for years and meets at the Minden branch of the library.

The public book club group operates differently than most – Dolliver makes a list based on a theme such as Giller prize winners, books that grab you from the first line or books recommended in celebrity book clubs. Readers then choose what they'd like to read from the list, and while members might all read something different, they can comment on the book they read, or the theme of the month.

"There's a lot of different variety of tastes, so having a themed club allows people to choose which book they prefer, and still be able to discuss it and share the impression they have for it," said Dolliver. "I read a lot of romance, one of the members reads a lot of non-fiction, another likes the feel-good books."

Dolliver said the group that meets shares personal connections with the group, like when one reader could share their knowledge of having lived in India during a read of a book set in that location.

"It's interesting to hear all of that stuff, and I'm thinking, I never would have thought of that," said Dolliver. "When they're talking about the books, it actually helps me with my job a little bit, because people are always asking for recommendations, and I'm able to tell them that I've heard a book is really good."

Dolliver's list includes about 14 books in each theme. The public group meets on the last Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m.

"It's really nice to hear people so happy about all of these books, that we've put this work into it, the themes we've come up with and the books I've selected. They come in, they're happy, they're talking, they become pretty close. They've gained the connections of their community. It's kind of like a gathering of friends."

Themes from the Minden Hills Book Club have included: RBC Taylor Prize for Canadian Literary Non-Fiction; Great Non-Fiction Published in 2019; Books that Grab you from the First Line; Great Books under the Radar; Evergreen Nominees; Some of the Best Fiction Written by Women; CBC Canada Reads 2019 Longlist; Dysfunctional Childhood Memoirs; Books to Read when you need a break from politics; Man Booker Prize Shortlist and Giller prize Long List; Young Adult books that Adults Love Too! and Experimental and/or Unusual Books.

Books First Book Club

Mary Trepanier is a member of Books First, a book club that has been meeting for about 25 years with the same members.

She said it started when a local teacher suggested a book club in the late '90s, saying, "you find three members, and I'll find three … Then she called and said, well, I've got six. The teachers were running down the hall saying, 'let me join, let me join,' and in no time we had 10."

Trepanier said the group tries to use the library book sets when possible.

Generally, they get together for a 'choose a book night,' when everyone

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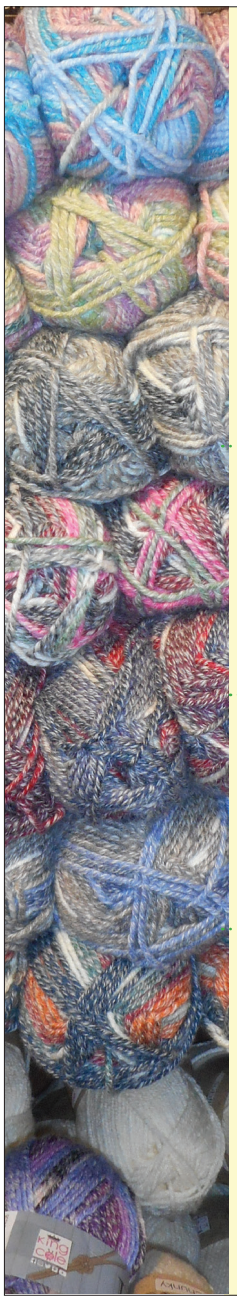

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writes their recommendations on a recipe card that gets passed around for an anonymous vote.

"It has me reading books I wouldn't have picked up off the shelf, but I'm glad I did," she said.

Some members like to share their favourite quote or passage, others like finding the unique words, looking them up to provide a definition to the group. In total, Trepanier thinks the group has likely read more than 250 books together over the years.

"All these teachers were teaching at the time, I thought they'd want to take a summer break but they said, no, that's when we get the chance to read," she said.

They meet in the evenings, occasionally at a restaurant, and always at the homes of members who live on the lake in the summer.

They're called Books First, "because everyone would get there and we'd talk and talk and talk, but not about books. We're supposed to talk about the books first, but that doesn't work … Now it's sort of more than a book club. We've made some lasting friendships."

The group takes a collection when someone has a family member fall ill or pass away, and helps each other out when someone is recovering from a surgery or needs extra help.

Together they've explored areas if the book they're reading takes place in a nearby location, as when they visited Niagara Falls after reading *The Day the Falls Stood Still*.

"We went down on a road trip," said Trepanier. "We drove to all the places mentioned in the book, and it was great fun."

Guest authors have met with the group via Zoom during the pandemic, and members are also able to share photos of details relevant to the books when they meet online.

"It kind of makes it come alive for you," said Trepanier.

"We talk about the style, and even the typeface, if it's good to go to bed with, or a mystery – whether the writer was fair," she said. "There's lots to talk about."

Trepanier uses sticky Post-It notes to make notes on the page when something is of interest to her so she can remember to share it later.

"Any way to read books is good," said Trepanier. "This is just another way that can be good for you."

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library

If you have a private or public book club happening in Haliburton County, please let Shirley Moore, book club co-ordinator with the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library know by emailing folhaliburtoncounty@gmail.com. Moore keeps book clubs informed of new book club sets available, and also takes suggestions for book club sets. To date, she is aware of at least 29 book clubs currently happening in Haliburton County but knows there are many more out there.

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Opinion

Confessions of a lapsed environmentalist

I first became an environmentalist in my early teens. My summers spent at camp in the Haliburton Highlands left me with a deep, abiding love of nature. But I believe it was my parsimony that actually led to me being a staunch conservationist. Why should we throw stuff away that can be recycled, reused and perhaps never needed to be produced in the first place? In 1970, at the age of 15, I joined my school's Pollution Probe Club. In those days, there was no roadside recycling, or really any kind of recycling at all. Our semester's project was to save one tree by recycling three tons of newspaper. I don't really remember whether we achieved our goal or what we actually did with the collected newspapers. I was just a kid and logistics was clearly somebody else's job. My job was to collect newspapers, which I did by the wagon load. By the end of the semester, I felt I had earned my environmental stripes.

I retained my love of nature and eventually fulfilled a life-long dream by retiring with my like-minded wife to our beloved Haliburton Highlands. We purchased a lovely home on a forested lot on Pine Lake. The previous owner planted grass in the meadow and mowed and maintained it beautifully. I, on the other hand, decided to let the land grow wild, only occasionally trimming trees that were overtaking the walking paths that ran through the property. If truth be known, my decision to let the property grow wild was more a function of my ineptitude as a gardener than my environmental convictions. The plant life was bound to grow better without any intervention from me.

We also encouraged the abundant wildlife to have free run of the property. We were periodically visited by deer, great blue heron, woodpeckers, snakes, turtles, muskrat, otters, a large porcupine who liked to nap in one of our trees and of course, the ubiquitous squirrels. The only animals to cause us grief were the mice. While I believe that one should not disturb creatures in the wild, once they enter my home, they become vermin. We laid traps and regularly caught a mouse or two each month. The frequency of our catch helped me to quickly overcome my squeamishness. I briefly considered live traps but my revulsion of handling dead animals was doubled for live creatures. I did suffer some environment guilt which I was partially able to assuage by disposing of the dead mice near where we had previously seen a pair of "at risk" ribbon snakes sunning on the banks of the river. I like to think the snakes enjoyed the hint of peanut butter that was the mice's last meal, dubbing the offering as 'meeces pieces'.

While I may have been squeamish, I did not fear wild animals. I understood that they were more afraid of us than we were of them. I certainly did not fear the lowly squirrel, which would sensibly flee whenever a person approached. So, it was not fear that made me shout in alarm at the squirrel that suddenly appeared in our home one day. After all, like its outdoor brethren, it fled the moment I made a move towards it. But the thought of sharing my living space with a squirrel filled me with dread. Despite my life-long, deep love of nature, I was raised a city boy and overcoming one's upbringing was harder than I thought.

My wife and I rallied our courage and managed to chase the squirrel out of the house. When it reappeared the next day, we started to make phone calls. We quickly learned that it was a bumper year for squirrels. That, combined with the disruption to the labour market caused by COVID-19, put us six months down on the pest control company's waiting list. We chased the new squirrel out of the house and called a handyman for help.

The one thing I did not anticipate about my new life in the country was my total dependence on handymen. I had recently acquired a new handyman in whom I had high hopes. By the time he arrived, my wife and I had chased out four squirrels out of our home, or perhaps it was a single squirrel that we chased out four times. I liked to believe it was one squirrel who had discovered an entry point rather than imagining that my house was in the middle of some sort of squirrel super highway.

After having filled as many entry points as he could find, the handyman sat me down to have a serious conversation about trapping the squirrel. In his opinion, it was indeed the same squirrel who had learned the trick of getting into my house. The squirrel needed to be dispatched. The handyman left me with a live trap but recommended against releasing it into the wild. I did not need much convincing. The trap was rather complicated and I would need to get in close and use two hands to eventually free the beast.

It took several tries as the hair trigger had a tendency to be triggered either too late or too early. When we eventually caught the creature, I took the handyman's advice and dispatched it. The less said about it, the better.

My wife and I celebrated our success by thoughtfully congratulating each other for a job well done. But our sense of satisfaction was short lived as another squirrel appeared in our living room the next day. And so, our ordeal began. It took over a month. The handyman had to return three times before the correct entry point was identified and filled. In-between, we dispatched of four squirrels. For me, the worst part was turning a corner in the house and coming face-to-face with our intruder. It was unnerving.

I realize that, in today's hyper-environmental climate, disposing of a wild animal is considered villainous. And I do, indeed, feel guilty. I truly believe that we share the planet with all of God's creatures. We all have a sacred duty to leave the wildlife undisturbed in their natural habitat. But, of course, my house is the natural habitat for only me and my wife.

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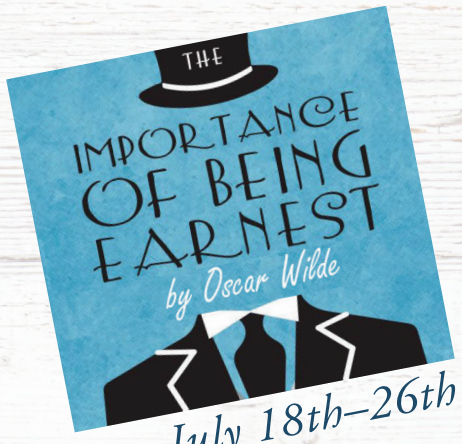

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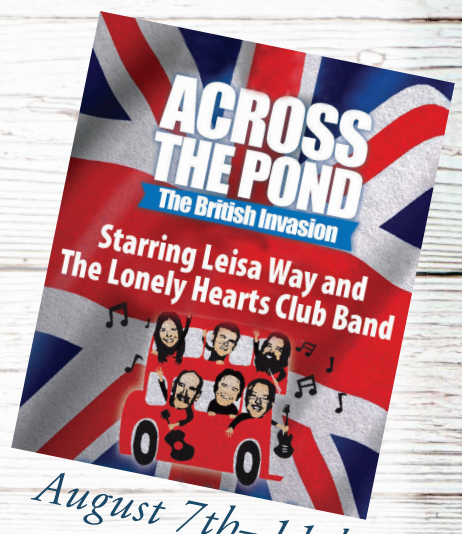

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"Really?" said Sybil incredulously. "Canada is the only country that still has a holiday on this day?"

"Well, come on, it's a holiday, a guaranteed day off for all city, state, and government offices … schools, post offices, banks, and libraries," said McB, putting his big man-arm around his sweetheart, Vilma. "Gives me more time to be with my girl," he said, gushing as usual. Twelve years his honey, and he was still gushing.

"Oh, Stanley," she cooed, fluttering her baby blues.

"We call it May Two-Four for a good reason," Beanpole said, holding up a case of 24 beers. "It's the unofficial beginning of summer and we Canadians celebrate it with a two-four of beers."

"THAT, Beanpole, is the most preposterous thing I've heard you say in a lonnng time," Sybil said. "I for one don't drink beer. I don't like how it tastes. I don't like how it smells. I don't like seeing a man OR a woman drinking it directly from a bottle. And I certainly don't consider myself any less Canadian because of it. Molson shmolson, give me a glass of lovely wine, and I'll toast with you to the beginning of summer and to all the good times we will share … and to the cottagers who are now here in Lake WhaddayathinkImean opening their cottages, putting in their docks, bringing out their boats, feeling their shoulders relax and reuniting with friends and neighbours who they haven't seen in a whole year."

Well, that certainly caused a pause.

"Sybil dear," I said. "I've seen you enjoy sipping on a Guinness from time to time."

"That doesn't count, Maybelle," she said. "A Guinness is a whole other kettle of fish."

"There's no fish in it," Twindle said. "But I get your drift. It's a good tasting Irish beer."

"STOUT!" Sybil exclaimed. "That I happen to drink from a GLASS."

"Okay, stout in a GLASS! Now, can we get on with it?" Twindle said, turning to the rest of us and raising his arms high, clapping in a consistent rhythm.

We all smiled, realizing he was starting our Victoria Day ritual which we all loved.

Together, we lifted our arms and clapped in unison.

"Okay, Maybelle," Twindle shouted, "you go first."

"Okay," I said, then clapped. "Today," (clap) "I want, (clap) You to know, (clap). "That I appreciate, (clap) You so." (clap)

And it continued like that, around the circle, all of us taking turns wishing the best for each other, for our neighbours and community … and finally for the end of war in Ukraine.

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The following are images of a local landmark. Try to guess what the landmark is and look for the reveal in next week's *County Life*. Concept and images from Thom Lambert, who shares informative posts about things to see and do in the Highlands through @myhaliburtonhighlands on Instagram. /Submitted by Thom Lambert

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Household hazardous waste often has the corrosive, explosive, flammable, or poisonous symbol on them, and includes aerosol cans (full or partially full); automotive fluids; batteries - vehicle (automotive, marine, etc.); batteries - household (rechargeable and single-use); cleaners (bleach, oven cleaner, etc.); compact fluorescent light bulbs; fertilizers; finishing products (varnish, glue, etc.); fluorescent tubes; gasoline (containers NOT returned); motor oil (must be capped); paint (latex and oil, full or partially full); pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides; pool chemicals; propane cylinders; propane tanks; and solvents (varsol, paint thinners, etc.).

To participate, residents must show their valid Algonquin Highlands or Dysart et al or Highlands East or Minden Hills landfill card. Residents must remain inside their vehicle at the hazardous waste drop off. Event staff will unload residential household hazardous waste.

Note, if you are attending an event outside of your regular municipality, only household hazardous waste will be accepted (no other wastes). And events at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena can only accept household hazardous waste (no other wastes).

Due to provincial regulations, these events are for Haliburton County residents only. Hazardous waste is NOT accepted from businesses and organizations, including builders, camps, charities, contractors, painting companies, places of worship, restaurants, retailers, schools, etc.

For more information, download the free Haliburton County Waste Wizard mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

Submitted

Date	Time	Location	Address
Saturday, May 21, 2022	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Maple Lake Landfill	1302 McPhail Road, Algonquin Highlands
Saturday, May 28, 2022	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Friday, June 24, 2022	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Saturday, June 25, 2022	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Saturday, June 25, 2022	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Dorset Transfer Station	1087 Maple Ridge Drive, Dorset
Saturday, July 9, 2022	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Haliburton Landfill	222 Industrial Park Road, Haliburton
Saturday, August 6, 2022	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Oxtongue Lake Landfill	3401 Hwy 60, Oxtongue
Saturday, August 20, 2022	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Harcourt Landfill	1123 Packard Road, Harcourt
Saturday, September 10, 2022	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden
Saturday, September 10, 2022	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Dorset Transfer Station	1087 Maple Ridge Drive, Dorset
Saturday, September 17, 2022	9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	West Guilford Landfill	11903 Hwy 118, West Guilford
Saturday, October 8, 2022	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Maple Lake Landfill	1302 McPhail Road, Algonquin Highlands
Saturday, October 15, 2022	7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	S.G. Nesbitt Arena	55 Parkside Street, Minden

Legion Events

Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m. Schofield Room

Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m.

Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30 to 9 p.m. (Sept to June)

Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall

Bingo doors open at 6 p.m.

Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month

Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.

Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start – Schofield Room

Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.

Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcll129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!

Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m. Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

Schedule is subject to change without notice, so contact the Legion for updates.

Community Events

Send your event listing to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Mega Book Nook Sale

When: Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Library , the Book Nook and also outdoors on the Library balcony.
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503 Street Sale Event

Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Downtown Gooderham.
Set up your table anywhere in the centre of town. Masks optional. All spaces are free. Rain Date: Sunday May 22. Bring your own table and chairs. For more information contact Denise Winder 705-447-2953, Marilyn Wooder 705-447-2906.

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Saturday, May 21, 6:30 a.m.
(rain date Sunday May 22)
7286 Gelert Rd. Rail Trail parking area
Pre-registration required at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca. Admission by donation
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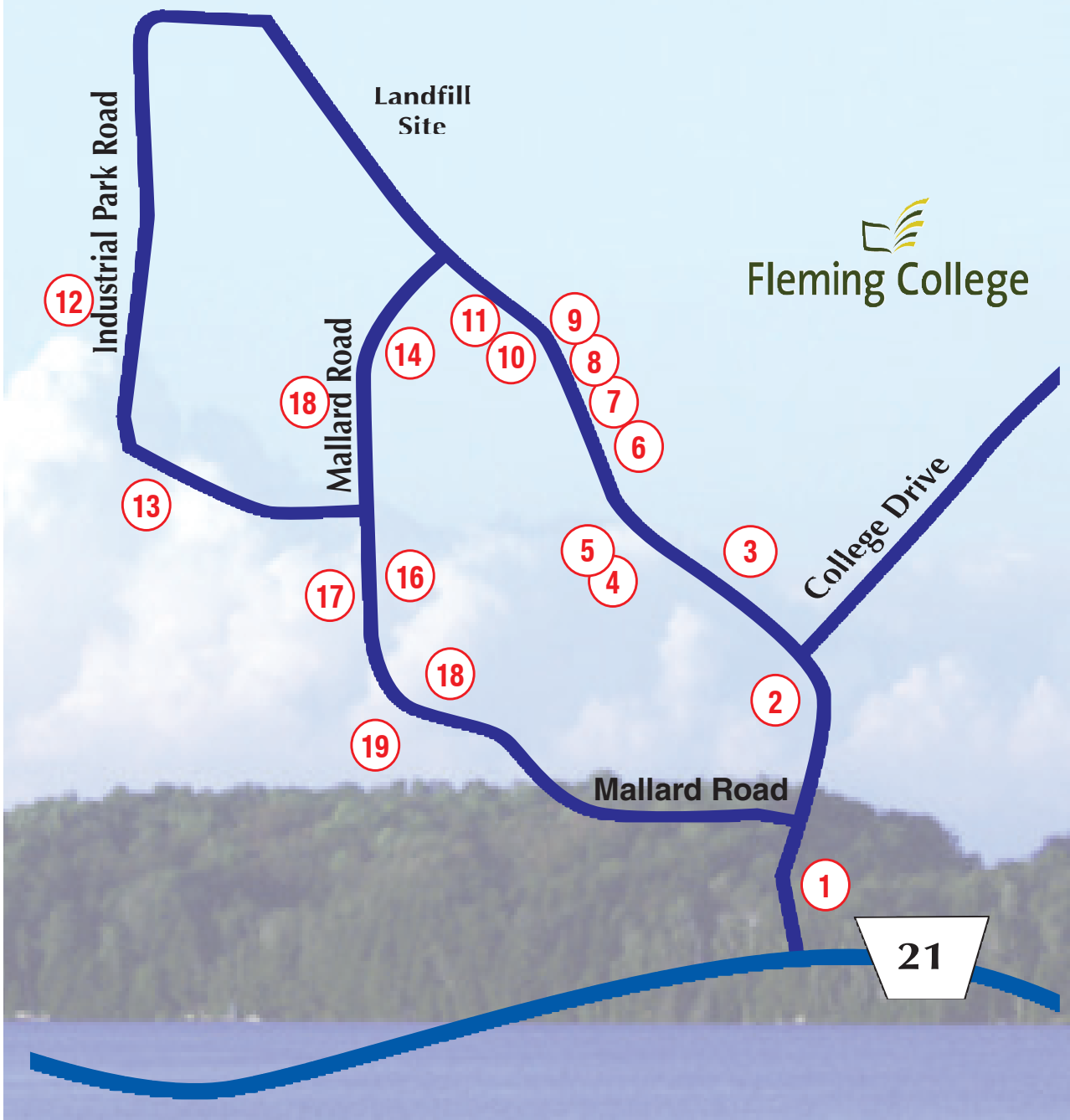

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Reporting to the Deputy CAO/Treasurer, the Tax Collector will be responsible for the collection of taxes for the Municipality. The Tax Collector will oversee the day-to-day tax collection functions and performs the statutory duties of the Tax Collector as defined in the Municipal Act.

The municipality is seeking an individual with a minimum of five (5) years' experience within a Municipal setting, at least two of which are in tax collection; minimum of two (2) years' recent Municipal Financial or related experience; Municipal Tax Administration Program; post-secondary education, with discipline in finance or accounting, or related combination of education and experience; completion of Municipal Finance and Accounting course; general knowledge of Municipal accounting software, principles and practices and A.M.T.C.O. designation preferred.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – Tax Collector"** may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, May 30, 2022 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.ca

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request.

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The Municipality of Highlands East is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants requiring accommodation are asked to contact the CAO/Treasurer.

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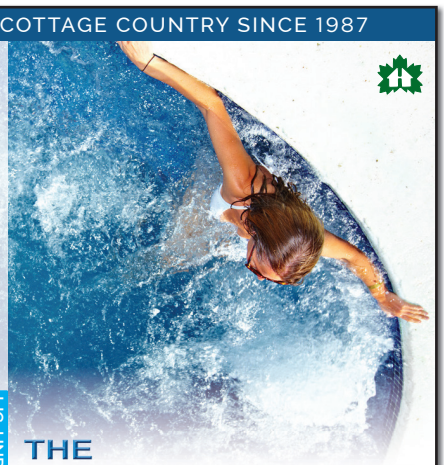

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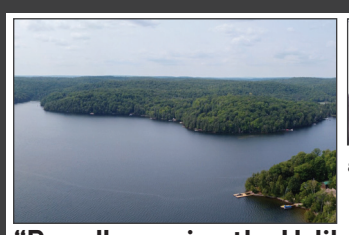

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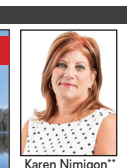

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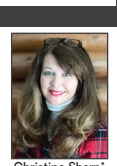

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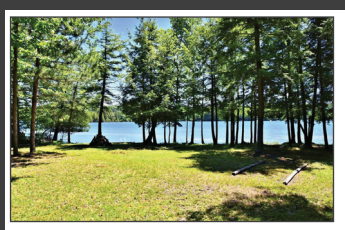

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Market reassessment comes up once more

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Just in time for the start of the cottage season, the specter of market value reassessment has raised its head once more in Haliburton County.

Last Wednesday, a narrow majority of county councillors voted to proceed with plans to educate the public about the impact reassessment will have on property taxes.

This sets the scene for a decision on the adoption of market value reassessment by local politicians this year, probably in August or September.

If council approves the plan, all properties in Haliburton County will be re-assessed at their 1988 market values for the purpose of determining the amount of property tax paid for county, municipal and education purposes.

Currently, the assessed values of properties in the county are tied to different years which vary depending on the municipality.

In July, representatives from the Regional Assessment Office will meet with the 10 municipal councils in the county to explain the impact reassessment will have on their tax payers. In August, two public meetings will be held in Minden and Haliburton to give residents an opportunity to learn about reassessment.

Last Wednesday, three employees of the assessment office met with county council to present a market value reassessment impact study.

Assessment officer Ron Young said that when the issue was being considered in early 1991, there was criticism that it was being "sneaked through" during the winter when seasonal residents are away from the county.

This year, the process will occur during the summer and will include Saturday public meetings in August to allow all residents to participate.

Lakefront property owners, a majority of whom are seasonal residents, have lead the attack against market value reassessment. They believe reassessment would shift a greater tax burden on to cottage owners, due to the rise in lakefront property values.

During last year's municipal election campaign, cottage associations lobbied county councillors to reject the proposed reassessment. In November the previous council deferred the issued, to allow the successful candidates an opportunity for input.

During last Wednesday's meeting, Young countered some of the arguments used by cottage organizations to oppose market value reassessment.

The use of the year 1988 as the benchmark for reassessment has been criticized by people who say it represents the height of the real estate boom and does not represent a fair picture of property values.

But Young said, contrary to popular wisdom, property values in Haliburton County did not reach their peak until 1991, and real estate prices reported so far in 1992 are still higher than those in 1988.

According to property transaction records from the Land Registry Office, the average

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Clay Poldaas was one of many people to get a close up look at the Stanley Cup, part of the Stars on Ice Hockey Hall of Fame display. The mobile exhibition was in Minden Saturday at the Archie Stouffer Elementary School Home and School Association's Fun Fair. See page 21 for a story on the hockey memorbilia display. More Fun Fair pictures on page 4.

Don 'Soup' Campbell, a community builder

Minden has lost a community builder with the passing of Don "Soup" Campbell Saturday evening. The 62 year old Mr. Campbell passed away after a battle with cancer.

Don Campbell was an affable, easy-going individual who had built a successful construction company serving clients throughout the county and beyond. His community minded nature and experience as a builder kept him busy assisting various groups and organizations with their building plans. On more than a few occasions his expertise was sought when projects were being proposed or he was seconded as a volunteer on a building committee, all tasks he undertook willingly and with no thought of recognition.

He assisted in the fund raising for the present community centre and arena organizing bottle drives and walk-a-thons to help raise money for the structure.

Soup was also an avid sports enthusiast, serving for many years as president of the local hockey and baseball leagues. He also helped with the organization of the early years of the Minden Winter Carnival.

Don came to Minden in 1947, working for Coca Cola. After a number of years he formed D.A.C. Construction. Among the projects in which he was involved were the Anglican Church parish hall, renovations to the Minden Hospital, municipal buildings and structures throughout the county.

Donald Campbell is survived by his wife, Pat (Welch), four children Jeff, Anne, Jody and Jerry and 11 grandchildren.

Friends are invited to call at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home in Minden today (Monday) from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with a graveside service scheduled for the Minden Cemetery Tuesday at 11 a.m.

The family has requested that memorial donations be directed to the Hospital for Sick Childrtren's Leukemia Research Foundation or the St. Paul's Anglican Church Building Fund.

Donald Campbell will be remembered as a builder, not only of structures but of his community. He will be missed.

Lutterworth lowers budget

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Lutterworth taxpayers are in for a break this year as council has frozen its portion of property taxes at last year's levels.

When education and county levies are included however, Lutterworth residents will see a eight per cent increase in their tax bills.

The township expects to spend $733,915 in 1992, which is less than the $750,144 spent last year.

The largest chunk, $325,550 of the budget is spent on transportation services, mainly road maintenance, followed by general government at $207,080.

Even though municipal taxes will not be raised this year, council still managed to give municipal employees a four per cent wage increase, budget for new computers, and set aside $10,000 to cover bad taxes.

The cost of environmental services increased by $22,000 from last year, most of which is attributed to the cost of closing the former Steeles dump, which is owned by Joe Samutt.

Other expenditures include protective service at $65,115; recreation and culture at $17,475; and planning and development at $7,100.

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